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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/902,970
Applicant : Ruud Egas
Title : "Sleeve with Guidance Ring"
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Examiner : Robert R. Reavis

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

Amendments to the Specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Argument begin on page 5 of this paper.